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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT BETWEEN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND
TONGSUN PARK

1. SET FORTH BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED
BETWEEN THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL
CONDUCT, THE SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE, AND TONGSUN PARK
REGARDING THE LATTER'S TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMITTEES.
THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE BY DEPUTY
COUNSEL PETER WHITE, FOR THE SENATE COMMITTEE BY COUNSEL
VICTOR KRAMER, AND FOR PARK BY HIS COUNSEL WILLIAM HUNDLEY.
WE DO NOT KNOW DOCUMENT DATE, BUT IT WAS CONCLUDED SHORTLY
PRIOR TO PARK'S ARRIVAL.

2. YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE AGREEMENT IS SILENT ON THE
SUBJECT OF QUESTIONING. THE AGREEMENT COMMITS THE COMMI-
TEES TO PAY FOR PARK'S TRAVEL AND ARRANGE FOR SECURITY.
IN FACT, BOTH TRAVEL AND SECURITY WERE HANDLED AND PAID BY
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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

3. THIS TEXT HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE ROK EMBASSY. IT
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED CLASSIFIED UNTIL OR UNLESS MADE PUBLIC
BY ONE OF THE SIGNATORY PARTIES. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE
COMMITTEES HAVE NOT MADE THE AGREEMENT PUBLICLY KNOWN.

BEGIN TEXT.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT, THE SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE, AND COUNSEL FOR MR. TONGSUN PARK CONCERNING THE VOLUNTARY TESTIMONY OF MR. PARK.

1. TONGSUN PARK WILL APPEAR VOLUNTARILY BEFORE THE COMMITTEES. HE WILL ARRIVE IN THE UNITED STATES NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 26, 1978 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 1978. AFTER BEING AVAILABLE TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO WEEKS, HE WILL THEN BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE WEEK. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY INTERRUPTION OF HIS AVAILABILITY TO EITHER COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN CONNECTION WITH HIS TESTIMONY IN U.S. V. HANNA WILL STAY THE PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY SO THAT IT MAY BE COMPLETED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INTERRUPTION.

2. THE COMMITTEES RECOGNIZE THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS INFORMALLY GRANTED TONGSUN PARK TRANSACTIONAL IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION FOR PAST CRIMES RELATING TO HIS ALLEGED PAYMENTS TO CONGRESSMEN, CONDITIONED ON HIS PROVIDING FULL COOPERATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AS DEFINED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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MR. TONGSUN PARK, DATED JANUARY 11, 1978, AND WILL TAKE NO ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH SUCH GRANT.

3. THE EXAMINATION OF TONGSUN PARK ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEES WILL BE TRANSCRIBED, AND A COPY OF THE TRANSCRIPT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION TO COUNSEL FOR TONGSUN PARK.

4. TONGSUN PARK ASSUMES BY THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING NO OBLIGATION TO APPEAR BEFORE OTHER CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.

5. TONGSUN PARK MAY BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL OF HIS CHOICE AT ALL QUESTIONINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEES WHETHER SUCH QUESTIONINGS ARE CONDUCTED IN PRIVATE, IN EXECUTIVE SESSION OR IN PUBLIC HEARINGS.

6. THE COMMITTEES WILL MAKE ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE TONGSUN PARK'S ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SECURITY OF TONGSUN PARK WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES SHOULD SUCH PRECAUTIONS BE NECESSARY. IN CARRYING OUT THESE OBLIGATIONS THE COMMITTEES WILL

COORDINATE WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

7. THE COMMITTEES WILL PAY ALL REASONABLE COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH TONGSUN PARK'S TRAVEL BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES AND HIS STAY IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMITTEES OVER AND ABOVE SUCH COSTS AS ARE DEFRAIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PURSUANT TO ITS UNDERSTANDING WITH TONGSUN PARK OF JANUARY 11, 1978.

8. TONGSUN PARK WILL APPEAR FOR SUCH PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS, FOLLOWING HIS TESTIMONY IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, AS THE COMMITTEES MAY REQUEST IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR AUTHORITY, AND THE COMMITTEES WILL UNDERTAKE TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER
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OF TRIPS REQUIRED OF MR. PARK BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES.

9. THE COMMITTEES WILL PERMIT AND FACILITATE TONGSUN PARK'S CONSENSUAL DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA PROMPTLY FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF HIS FULL AND TRUTHFUL TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMITTEES.
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